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MANY PEOPLE MAKE SYSTEMATIC CHECK ON HOUSE REPAIRS

Many families make a practice of going over the whole house systematically at regular intervals to check on repairs needed, says _____ (name) _____ at _____ (institution). Someone starts at the roof, _____ (title) _____ says, looks for missing shingles or slates; examines the metal flashings around the chimney and other places on the roof; notes whether they need to be replaced or repainted, whether there are any chimney bricks loose, whether the mortar is holding at the joints, and the condition of the gutters and downspouts. A chimney in good condition, _____ emphasizes, cuts down fire risks.

The sides of the house are inspected for loose siding, brick, stone, or shingles. Window frames are checked to see if putty or mortar is in need of replacement. Porch floors and wooden steps may have rotten boards, and the inspectors may find a new coat of paint needed on metal roofing or other exposed parts. It frequently saves time and expense, _____ says, to know all repairs needed before undertaking any of them.

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